

THE LEDGER.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1890.

The outlook is now rather fair for a good ice crop this month.

The Republicans of Mexico will put a full ticket in the field at the spring election.

The movement in live stock is much better in this county than it has been for years.

WM. HYDE, formerly of the St. Louis Republican, will likely start a new and lively Democratic paper in St. Joseph, Mo.

U. S. HALL is a fine talker and we are sorry every farmer in Audrain county could not have heard his address at the Ferris Grand.

The Liberty, Mo., Advance is fifteen years old and a daisy. It is one of the most substantial and influential papers in the State.

A ROUSING Democratic tariff reform club has been organized at Canada's school house in Saling township. Let the good work go on.

The Rocheport Commercial is showing vast improvement. It always was a bright, new paper, but of late is putting on metropolitan airs.

I. J. SIMS regrets exceedingly that he could not attend the meeting of stock men at Sedalia, but on account of the lecture here by U. S. Hall he could not go.

Too many divorces are being brought in this county. Something is wrong somewhere. It is easier to get a divorce than it is to get married, and nearly as cheap.

The Huntsville Herald is just of age. The older this paper gets the better it becomes and the stronger is its influence for Democracy and reform throughout the State.

FARBER comes to the front with a live Democratic Tariff Reform Club, with the right kind of men as organizers. Let the good work go on until we have a club in every school district in the county.

ARIEL LEONARD, of Saline county, will never beat John T. Heard for Congress via the resolution route. Even McGinty knows that the wind is blowing through the whiskers of this old "demagogical" chestnut.

AUDRAIN will be properly represented at the Sedalia State Stock men's meeting. Hon. C. F. Clark and W. J. Botts, president of the Mexico Fair Association, went from this county and will be heard from in the convention.

CATTLE raisers say that the outlook is much better, and that the thousands of dollars lost in the business during late years is likely to come back to them. Prices are better and railroad rates will be lower if any change is made.

CLARK & PUTTS' combination horse sale this season will surpass anything of the kind ever held in this State. Horses, and good ones, are entered for this sale from Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and several other States. The sale will likely last four days.

WALTER CROW, one of the very best Con-tables in the county, was put on Cuivre this week and says Farber is going to have the banner Democratic Tariff Reform Club. Walter thinks the Republican farmers are getting their eyes open and many will vote right in the future.

JUDGE W. O. FORBES' letter in the LEDGER are attracting a great deal of attention and are read by old and young with avidity. It is very distressing for a man like the Judge to be confined to the house, and all join with the LEDGER in hoping that he will soon be him self again. The Judge says he is all right except in his legs, which refuse to get better.

THE Kansas City Times reports ex-Gov. A. Morehouse as saying: "I do not believe much in Senator Vest's Democracy." The Republicans fight Vest so bitterly because he is "too much of a Democrat." Morehouse and his so-called Democratic organs "don't believe much in his Democracy." In the mean time Vest is growing stronger and stronger in the hearts of the honest yeomanry of the rank and file of the party throughout the entire State.

Snow Ten Feet Deep. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 14.—The blizzard which raged all day Sunday and Sunday night through out Kansas and Nebraska was phenomenal on account of the suddenness of the storm and the high temperature just preceding and at its close.

Most suffering is sure to follow among live stock. At many places the drifts are from 10 to 12 feet deep.

In the northwestern part of Kansas the snow fall is unprecedented, and in the town of Hiawatha all travel is stopped except in beaten paths.

A Dependent Pension Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—After several weeks of consideration the Senate committee on pensions today unanimously directed Chairman Davis to report a dependent pension bill. The title of the bill reads as follows: "A bill granting pensions to soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated for the performance of labor, and providing for pensions to their widows, minor children and dependent parents."

THE POPULAR DISEASE.

A Few Slight Symptoms as Observed by a Sufferer.

Oh, yes, I've got it, or rather it has got me; I mean this up-your nose craze now going round. I am greatly tickled with it; that is, my nose is. They say it is the genuine imported article, duty paid, and not adulterated with the letters blown in. My throat and lungs, I am sorry to say, are highly inflamed. The mucous membrane, I mean membranous, won't yield to anything I may pour down, and I have tried a little of everything—especially the latter. I suffer from several stitches in my head and the lack of several in my rest, which were burst in snowing. I sneeze at everything I see, which I do not think is altogether proper, and I have such a roaring in my head that the boarder next room complains of it keeping him awake. I have to get up on a step-ladder to talk above a whisper, and I am afraid I will have to breathe through my ears. I can't shake off this tired feeling that is upon me more than usual, perhaps; I can't find any fellow to shake it off with. When I sneeze it lifts me off my feet with two-skyrocket force. It is worse in the morning than at night, and at night it is worse than at morning, and when I cough I don't raise anything but the neighbors; they say I can stop it by twisting a rope tightly around my neck. What little I do eat distresses me, and it does not always come from the fact that I have lately got in arrears with the land lord. My eyes are as watery as railroad stock, and my neck is exceedingly stiff and formal. It is a hard matter for me to turn my head and look across the street when I meet a creditor when I am out to let the house quiet down a little. My mind has been so affected that I have been nearly on the point of calling in a doctor, but it has not got quite that bad yet. I can't write at night because I sneeze the lamp out, and my nose is so sore I will soon have to chloroform it to blow it. I have pains in the breast every time I lie, which is aggravating, while I am apt to get irritable at any one calling me liar or anything of that sort. This is a veritable case of "grip," though in a mild form, and we trust none of our friends will ever see it in a violent form.

Rigid Economy. There is a good story told of the economical qualities of two well known and wealthy gentlemen living in the east part of town, that is a good lesson for those recklessly extravagant persons who are not possessed of the true spirit of economy. On a certain night one of these gentlemen called on the other to transact a little business at the former's residence. The host lighted a candle that they might examine some papers, but immediately blew it out again when they were through, leaving both sitting in the dark.

"Why did you blow out the candle?" asked the caller.

"Oh, we can talk in the dark as well as in the light, and it saves the candle," was the reply.

They continued their conversation for a short time, when the host heard some mysterious sound coming from the direction of the caller's chair, and inquired what his friend was doing.

"Why," said his friend, "it is dark in here and no one can see me, so I thought I would take off my trousers and save the wear on them."—St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald

The Biggest Lump of Gold. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The largest piece of gold ever taken from the earth was discovered May 10, 1872, at Hill End, New South Wales, on the claim of Ben-r & Hultman. It was an irregular shaped slab four (4) feet nine (9) inches in length, and three (3) feet three (3) inches in width, with an average thickness of about three inches. It weighed something over six hundred (600) pounds, and although not virgin pure, it averaged \$148,000. The most remarkable part of the story is that the men who found it did not have money enough to pay their board bill the week before.

Old Kentuckians. From the Paris News.

Mrs. Ruth Cuthbert, of Mexico, Mo., who was one of the heirs to the large estate of her uncle, the late P. Kirtley, is a sister of Mrs. (Hattie) Shropshire, of Bourbon (Mo.)

The Mexico, Mo., papers give details of a grand fancy dress party at the elegant home in northwestern suburbs of the city of Ben-jamin Cuthbert. Two Misses Cuthbert figure in the account of the party, and many Kentuckians.

Cyclone in St. Louis. A wind-storm or cyclone swept through the city of St. Louis from southwest to northeast at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Four people were killed, the spires of two prominent churches blown off, several big manufacturing establishments partly demolished and a great number of residences and other buildings unroofed and other wise damaged.

Unexpected Honors. TEXARKANA, ARK., Jan. 11.—A. Ingersoll, 10 miles west of here, the wife of E. L. Page, a prominent dealer, yesterday gave birth to five well developed girl babies. The mother and the little ones are getting along nicely, while the father is said to be prostrated from sheer joy. Mrs. Page has been married before her union with her present husband, but never before gave a plural birth.

CARROLLTON, ILL., Jan. 11.—The wife of N. H. Peckham, residing 5 miles west of this city, gave birth to three girls to-day.

RATHER BREEZY.

The City Council Accepts Mr. Angle's Resignation, But Orders No Election.

The Council met last night in regular session. Mayor Basford in the chair. Councilman Angle was of course absent, as he had filed his resignation to take effect Jan. 11. Councilman Worrell was sick. Uncle Hugh Wilson appeared before the house to appeal for aid in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Crafston, destitute persons of this city. These two lone people are very old and absolutely destitute. The city would not give them aid on the ground that it had become a permanent institution and when cases became such there was a place for them provided by the county. Some months before Mr. Locke, as chairman of the finance committee, reported that they should receive no more aid from the city. Since then the plan of classifying them temporarily has, of course, been stopped. Nothing was done in the matter.

The City Attorney was instructed to investigate the law on taxation of pasture land inside the city limits, as complaints have been made by the owners of such lands, complaining that they had been taxed unjustly.

The committee on opening a street from Liberty to Promenade was continued; also the electric light committee.

Moses Mayfield presented a petition for diam shop license, signed by a majority of the tax-payers in block 8. Two of the Councilmen—Riden and Pezaris—voted for granting the license. The other two present—Locke and Arnold—held their peace, not voting at all.

The resignation of Mr. Angle was read to take effect Jan. 11. It was accepted, but the Council ruled that an election could not be ordered until the next meeting.

The Street Commissioner was ordered to put in tiling at two points on East Monroe street. Also instructed to put in a drain near the property of Lewis Hord, on West Liberty street. Mr. Locke was elected chairman of the Council in place of Mr. Angle.

Mr. Joel Guthrie appeared before the august body and complained that his scales had been ordered taken from the street. He did so, yet all other scales were allowed to stay. He asked why the city, as well as private parties, were allowed to maintain their scale obstructions in the street. The city then ordered the scales of Mr. J. A. Potts, at the mill on north Jefferson street, removed.

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IN THE SUNNY SOUTH.

The Ledger's Martinsburg Correspondent on a Pleasant Trip—A Wonderful Change.

Correspondence of the Ledger. Martinsburg, Miss., Jan. 12.—We left St. Louis on January 8th—also left her characteristic, muggy, sloshy, sleety, icy, dirty streets behind—and slowly, very slowly, wended our way to the sunny South over the Mobile & Ohio railroad, and right here let us state, with brevity and much feeling, if the people of the North and West want to take a real pleasure trip—one in which they want lots of time for exploration and adventure through the beautiful swamps of Tennessee and Kentucky—just take advantage of the accommodations (and they are many) of the M. & O. R. R. Our flight was uneventful after leaving St. Louis until we reached Cairo, where we were aroused from our close and compact slumbers by the deafening echoes and re-echoes of the steamboat and railroad whistles. Mr. Editor, did you ever try the realities of sitting up in a lower berth of a sleeper from five to six hours? If not you have lost one sensation that comes only once in the life time of a human being; we say once, because we know it will never be tried on but once. Well, we—two long trains of southern-bound passengers—were "toted" over the "Father of Waters" on an enormous steamboat, safely landed on terra firma and there we sat, or rather crouched, until 9:30 a. m. when, to our exceeding delight, our courteous porter offered to arrange the berth in a more dignified attitude. We meekly (come on, my, some no) assented, and promptly (?) at somewhere about 10:30 breakfast was served. An old gentleman of 84, and from the polar regions of the North, kept the good people a-ake the rest of the day with his continued but cheerful ejaculations of the "cheer-y green fields," while to our diagonal sat a much younger man decidedly abstruse in his remarks in regard to swamps, railroad conductors, porters and flight of time. As we draw nearer the South we gradually note these changes: Depot platforms and freight trains loaded down with barrels of cotton; lumber yards and lumber piled up high on every side; as well as private parties, were allowed to maintain their scale obstructions in the street. The city then ordered the scales of Mr. J. A. Potts, at the mill on north Jefferson street, removed.

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Other people save money by buying of La Crosse Lumber Co., because they get better grades. Why should you not do the same?

Cheap Enough. An Italian in New York tells a reporter that there are Italians in that city who can be hired to assassinate a person for a sum below \$100. Nobody can grumble at this price, and it's a wonder more "removals" don't take place.

Pay Up. I have sold my business and want all who owe me to pay up. I can be found at office of F. R. Brick Company. R. J. Elliott.

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